



## **Youth Leadership Program with Algeria**

### **Information for Applicants**

**Application Deadline:** June, 02, 2015

**Program Description:** Secondary school students and educators from Algeria are invited to apply for participation in the Youth Leadership Program with Algeria. The three-week U.S.-based exchange program, tentatively scheduled for August 6-28, 2015, will focus on the primary themes of civic education, youth leadership development, respect for diversity, and community engagement, and the sub-theme of environmental leadership. Participants will engage in a variety of activities, such as workshops on leadership and service, community site visits related to the program themes, interactive training and discussion groups, small group work, presentations, local cultural activities, and homestays with American families, and other activities. Program activity sites will include Washington, D.C. and Reno, Nevada.

The program will be intensive, academic, and highly interactive. The program sponsors seek energetic applicants who are ready to develop their skills in order to be effective leaders in their schools and communities.

#### **What else do I need to know?**

The United States Government, in conjunction with its private partners, will pay for ground transportation to and from Algiers, international transportation to and from the United States, orientations and workshops, program fees and administration, site visits and seminars, lodging and most meals, some cultural activities, educational materials, and accident and sickness coverage. Participants will stay with volunteer host families.

Participants are responsible for expenses related to the application process (copying, mailing, photographs, etc.), passport fees, and spending money for souvenirs, telephone calls, and other personal items in the United States.

Participants will travel to the United States on J-1 exchange visitor visas provided through this program. By accepting this visa, participants will be subject to a two-year home residency requirement, meaning they must return to and live in Algeria for a total of two

years before they would be eligible for an immigrant or temporary worker U.S. visa. This does not restrict other types of visas, however, so this would not prevent you from being able to apply for a student visa to attend university, for example.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Student applicants must....

- be at least 15 years old and not more than 18 years by the start date of the exchange
- have good English skills, sufficient for understanding academic discussion and everyday social interactions
- have at least one year of high school remaining
- have demonstrated leadership in their schools and/or communities
- have permission from both parents and schools to participate in the entire program

Adult applicants are those who....

- work with youth
- are community leaders
- have good English skills
- are committed to continued work with YLP participants after their return from the United States
- have travel experience outside their home state or province, such as to the national capital; international travel experience is not required
- are committed to the goals and ideals of the program, including civic leadership, diversity, and fostering positive regional and global interactions

### **How do I apply?**

Complete an application form and submit it to the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Algiers by **June 02, 2015**. Take special care in answering the essay questions.

Submit two letters of recommendation along with the application (also by **June 02, 2015**)

Adults applicants should submit two letters of recommendation from senior teachers or school officials or one from a senior teacher or school official and one from a community leader who knows your experience in working with teenagers.

The Public Affairs Section will contact the applicants selected for interviews based on the criteria above, as demonstrated in the application. Interviews will take place in The U.S. Embassy in Algiers between June 10 and June 20.